

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 267-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: October 11, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

Subject: November 2, 2004 Countywide Election - Miami Beach Early Voting Preparations and Incentives

The November 2, 2004 City of Miami Beach ballot will have candidate races, Miami-Dade County questions, and the Miami Beach Special Election has three (3) important straw ballot questions.

The Administration has, or will be launching a number of programs to disseminate information to our residents and encourage early voting. It should be noted that there will be two (2) early voting locations in the City; Miami Beach City Hall and the North Shore Branch Library, 7501 Collins Avenue. See attachment "A" for lists of locations, dates and times.

Actions taken:

1. The three straw ballot questions with touch numbers, along with early voting dates, locations, and hours of operations are listed on the City's webpage. The site also has a link to the County's G. O. Bond ballot questions.
2. Channel 20 is displaying early voting locations, dates, and time.
3. The local media has been notified. See attachment "B", Sunday's October 10, 2004 Miami Beach Neighbors.
4. Pursuant to State and City election requirements, the three ballot questions with touch numbers have been noticed in the Miami Herald
5. The Weekly Meeting Notice will list the early voting dates and times.

Actions to be taken:

1. A newspaper notice is being designed which will list the early voting locations, dates, time, and the early voting incentive programs listed below.
2. Developing a program to provide registered Miami Beach voters with a free ride on the Electrowave, from any stop on the route, to and from City Hall in order to take advantage of early voting.
3. Developing a program to provide free one-hour parking at the 17th Street parking garage for early voters.
4. Parks and Recreation Department is developing a program where early voters will be given a coupon for free admission for one (1) adult and one (1) child to an open session at either the Flamingo Pool or the Scott Rakow Youth Center Ice Rink.
5. Miami Beach civic organizations and condominium associations will be notified of the early voting schedule.

Cc: Kevin Smith, Saul Frances, Vivian Guzman


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ATTACHMENT "A"

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 254-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: September 27, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

**Subject: Early Voting Locations and Dates/Times for the November 2, 2004
Presidential and City of Miami Beach Special Elections**

Attached for your information is the list of early voting locations, dates and times for early voting in the City of Miami Beach.

It should be noted that there will be two (2) early voting locations in the City of Miami Beach; Miami Beach City Hall and North Shore Branch Library, 7501 Collins Avenue (auditorium).

This information will be posted on the City's website, advertised in the Miami Herald (City of Miami Beach Weekly Meetings Notices), and posted on Government Channel 20.

Cc: Nannette Rodriguez
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**EARLY VOTING SITES OPERATING HOURS
FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 ELECTION**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
---	October 18 th 11AM - 7PM	October 19 th 11AM - 7PM	October 20 th 11AM - 7PM	October 21 th 11AM - 7PM	October 22 th 11AM - 7PM	October 23 th 1PM - 5PM
October 24 th 1PM - 5PM	October 25 th 7AM - 7PM	October 26 th 7AM - 7PM	October 27 th 7AM - 7PM	October 28 th 7AM - 7PM	October 29 th 7AM - 7PM	October 30 th 1PM - 5PM
October 31 th 1PM - 5PM	November 1 st CLOSED					

Site #	Location	Site #	Location
1	North Dade Regional Library 2455 NW 183 Street	9	Florida City - City Hall 404 West Palm Drive
2	North Miami Public Library 835 NE 132 Street	10	West Dade Regional Library 9445 SW 24 Street
3	Lemon City Library 430 NE 61st Street (Children's Room)	11	West Kendall Regional Library 10201 Hammocks Boulevard
4	Northeast Library 2930 Aventura Boulevard	13	Miami Lakes Public Library 6699 Windmill Gate Road
★ 5	Miami Beach City Hall 1700 Convention Center Drive	15	Kendall Branch Library 9101 SW 97 Avenue
6	West Miami City Hall 901 SW 62 Avenue	16	Model City Library 2211 NW 54 Street
7	Coral Gables Library 3443 Segovia Street	18	Coral Reef Library 9211 Coral Reef Drive
8	South Dade Regional Library 10750 SW 211th Street	19	City of Miami City Hall 3500 Pan American Drive (Staff Room)
		★ 20	North Shore Branch Library 7501 Collins Avenue (Auditorium)

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October 31 th 1PM - 5PM	November 1 st 7AM - 3 PM					

Site & Location	
Site #12	
Elections Department (SOE Main Office) 2700 NW 87 Avenue	
Site #14	
Stephen P. Clark Center (SOE Branch Office) 111 NW 1 Street (Lobby)	

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October 31 th CLOSED	November 1 st CLOSED					

Site & Location	
Site #17	
John F. Kennedy Library 190 West 49 th Street	

Early voting to begin Oct. 18 at 20 sites

■ As Election Day nears, county officials are encouraging voters to avoid the lines and cast their ballots at any of 20 early voting sites which will open Oct. 18.

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November 2 may loom as Election Day, but county officials say voters don't have to wait more than three weeks to cast their ballots.

In an effort to encourage more people to vote and increasing the convenience of voting, the county will have 20

voting sites open daily, from Oct. 18-31. Voters can cast ballots at any of the early voting sites, regardless of their precinct.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman is among those encouraging early voters.

"Voting is especially important this year, not only for the

presidential and U.S. Senate elections, but also for the bond issues and the building of Miami-Dade County," said Heyman, whose Northeast Miami-Dade district has three sites.

In Miami Beach, officials have been encouraging voter registration and participation with Vote Miami Beach, a campaign that has included incentives from participating

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stores and after-school concerts aimed at parents of schoolchildren.

City spokeswoman Nannette Rodriguez said the city is working on a program to encourage early voting, with details to be finalized in the next week.

Two locations are available for early voting in Miami Beach, at Miami Beach City Hall and the North Shore Library.

Political consultant Irene Secada worries about cities where voters may face numerous local ballot questions. In particular, she cites North Bay Village, which has 16 ballot questions specific to the city in addition to the local, state and national races.

Her concern: that it will

take some citizens so long to cast their votes that the lines will be intolerable, especially for older voters. She even timed voters working with sample ballots in North Bay Village, and frets over the results.

"It took everyone about 22 minutes to answer to the questions without counting the time it took to answer the additional 16 questions pertaining to North Bay Village questions," she said.

"I have been sending e-mails to go vote early because it could be catastrophic waiting until election day," she said. "I am so worried if they wait until Election Day there will be so many people and long lines that they will get frustrated and end up leaving and not voting."